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Attorney Docket: 491328-600-006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)
Morello, *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/896,365) Group Art Unit: 3635
Filed: June 29, 2001) Examiner: Yvonne Michele Horton
For: A BUILDING PANEL AND)
PANEL CRIMPING MACHINE)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002 in which the Examiner made a Restriction Requirement between the following groups of claims:

- Group I Claims 1 - 20, drawn to a building panel and building structure, classified in class 52, subclass 86; and
- Group II Claims 21 - 27, drawn to a crimping machine, classified in class 29, subclass 243.580.

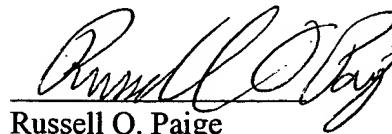
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The Examiner alleges that Groups I and II are distinct each from the other because the product as claimed in Group I can be made by another and materially different apparatus than that claimed in Group II, and further, that the apparatus as claimed in Group II is not an obvious apparatus for making the product claimed in Group I.

Applicants hereby elect prosecution of the claims of Group I, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to invoke rejoiner of the unelected claims of Group II under MPEP 821.04, should the claims of Group I be found to include allowable subject matter. Applicants further reserve the right to prosecute the unelected claims in a divisional application.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early favorable response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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